



Wow! What a Summer!

This year 2858 children and parents decided to *Book an Adventure* at their library.

They came to see special guests such as ventriloquist Ty-Rone and His World of Friends, Magic 4 U with magician Brad Matchett, and Barefoot Puppets brought to life by Heidi Ruggs. In addition, they traveled (using their imaginations) to visit a Fabulous Fiesta, a Reader's Roundup Rodeo and a Jungle Jamboree. There were Sun-Sational Crafts to encourage creativity. Older participants had a chance to discuss books, "dive into a chocolate adventure", solve a mystery and learn how to make mini-books. Teens discovered how simple it can be to line dance, build a bat house and put together some of their favorite pictures by scrapbooking. Monday Movies began each week with full-length feature films. For our grand finale, there were 287 participants at the Create-Your-Own-Ice-Cream-Sundae Party to celebrate and recognize our dedicated readers who read or listened to 15 books or 300 minutes. What a summer! Thanks for "booking" your summer with us!

See our Fall Storytime Schedule elsewhere in the newsletter.

Please check out Youth Services on our Web site. www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary. We always have something planned for the children of our community.

Lorry Risinger, Youth Services. 434-455-6320

Due Dates

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Since the new millennium, there has been some confusion concerning how to read the library's due date receipts. The format is day, month, and year. Therefore, a receipt printed 13 Oct 04 means the item is due October 13, 2004. Also, if you lose your due date receipt, just call the Circulation Department at 455-6336 and our staff will be happy to tell you when your materials are due. When you call, remember that we will need your library card barcode number from the back of your library card or your SSN. We do not access records by name.

Ona Turner Dowdy,
Circulation
Supervisor

Lynchburg Public Library
20 AUG 04 10:24am
Circulation Desk
455-6300

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The monarchy of Britain /
3735201438867

Due: 25 AUG 04 *

Nancy : a portrait of my years
373520361092+

Due: 25 AUG 04 *

Puzzled to death /
373520345112-

Due: 26 AUG 04 *

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Wireless Connections

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We've gone wireless! Thanks to the generosity of nTelos, the main library is now offering a free Wireless "HotSpot." The Region 2000 Technology Council is promoting the development of current and new hot spot locations throughout the region in cooperation with private and public entities. The program's mission is to provide the citizens of Region 2000 improved access to Internet services through the use of public wireless enabled hot spots while increasing broadband awareness, creating flexible work environments, improving communication capabilities, and building a progressive community. Jonathan Whitt, Executive Director of the Region 2000 Technology Council states, "This is an exciting program, we envision over the next twelve months seeing over fifty locations within the region where the public will have access to free wireless Internet service. Downtown areas, libraries, business districts, our college campuses, anywhere the public congregates are all logical locations for hot spot wireless Internet service. Our role as an organization is to encourage, support, and promote those locations with the region. We have set up a web portal on our website that the public can access to find these locations at www.r2ktech.org." There are several hot spots providing free wireless Internet access listed on the site already. A major pres conference will be held at the library when its wireless hotspot is officially announced.

Readalikes

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How many times has this happened? You find an author you like, read all of his or her books, and then wonder, "What's next?" There are ways to find books that are similar to those of your favorite author. These are often referred to as *readalikes*.

One way to find *readalikes* is to go to the *readalikes* website www.statelibrary.tas.gov.au/readalike/. The State Library of Tasmania (yes, that Tasmania!) has compiled lists of *readalikes* for popular authors such as Maeve Binchy, Tracy Chevalier, John Grisham, Jonathon Kellerman, Nora Roberts, and many more. Several other libraries have lists of *readalikes* on their websites. By typing "readalikes" into Google, you can find several.

Another way to find *readalikes*, especially if the book is fairly new, is to consult *What Do I Read Next?: a Reader's Guide to Current Genre Fiction*. This series of books is shelved in the adult reference section of the main library. Each entry describes a separate book, listing everything readers need to know to make selections. Arranged by author within several genre sections (Fantasy, Popular Fiction, Romance, Horror, Mystery, Science Fiction, Historical, Inspirational, Western), the entries provide much useful information, including:

- Title
- Series
- Names and descriptions of characters
- Time period and geographical setting
- Review citations
- Brief plot summary
- Selected other books by the author
- Similar books by different authors

The similarities include author, title, series, character name, character description, time period, geographic setting and genre/sub-genre indexes.

A multicultural version, *What Do I Read Next: Multicultural Literature*, is also on the reference shelf, as is another good resource, *Now Read This: A Guide to Mainstream Fiction 1978-1998*.

For those who prefer a good mystery, you may consult *What Mystery Do I Read Next?* And for other genres, we have *Christian Fiction: A Guide to the Genre* and *Romance Fiction: A Guide to the Genre*.

The adult services staff will be happy to assist you in finding books that you will enjoy and in introducing you to new favorite authors.

MAIN LIBRARY

2315 Memorial Ave.
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Circulation, Renewals,
Returns, Library Cards
455-6300

Reference and
Information
455-6310

Youth Services
455-6320

Administration and
Technical Services
455-6330

Volunteer Program
455-6330

LIBRARY HOURS

Main

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

Tues., Thurs.
9:30 AM-9:00 PM

Downtown Branch

Mon.- Fri.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

DOWNTOWN BRANCH AND LAW LIBRARY

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Lynchburg, VA 24504
455-3820

CLOSED

Monday, September 6
Labor Day Holiday

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Continuing Education

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As with many professions, library work is frequently changing. To keep up with changes in the field, the Virginia Library Association offers opportunities for continuing education. This past May the Virginia Library Association Paraprofessional Forum Conference was held in Richmond. Among the approximately 400 participants were four eager Lynchburg Public Library staff members. Congratulations to **Deborah Beasley**, of the Main Library's circulation department, who has enthusiastically attended several annual conferences, and this year was awarded the conference scholarship. The association paid all of her conference expenses. **Ona Turner Dowdy**, Head of Circulation, is one of the Paraprofessional Forum's board members and as such is a guiding force in organizing the conference each year. **Candice Michalik**, Reference Librarian, presented a program on *One Community/One Book* with Patty Franz of the Pamunkey Library System. They spoke about their respective programs, *Lynchburg Reads* and *Go Read!* **Hester Morgan** of the Downtown Branch Library also was a repeat attendee at the 3-day conference. They returned with much useful information to share with their colleagues. Another opportunity for continuing education will occur in October when the Virginia Library Association holds its annual meeting in Williamsburg. Several more staff members are looking forward to attending some of 30+ sessions and coming home with more fresh ideas.

Computer Classes Resume

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The library's computer classes will resume in September. Due to the city-imposed hiring freeze, we still have not been able to replace our computer lab coordinator. However, we will offer a small number of classes taught by volunteers. Stop in at either library for a schedule, or check our web page.

Speaking of Books

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The adult book discussion group, *Speaking of Books*, has chosen its books for discussion for the remainder of 2004. Book discussions are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the main library's community room. September's discussion will be a special treat, as author Carrie Brown will be present as we discuss her book of short stories, *The House on Belle Isle*. We had a delightful visit from Ms. Brown a few years ago and eagerly await her return. We hope you will be able to join us on Wednesday,

September 18 at 1:00 PM. Other books for discussion will be

- October 20
The House of Mirth
by Edith Wharton
- November 17
The Piano Tuner
by Daniel Mason
- December 15
Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague
by Geraldine Brooks

For more information, or to reserve a copy of any of these books, call 455-6310.

Youth Services Lynchburg Public Library Fall 2004

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Registration begins Tuesday, September 7.
Registration must be done in person.



TALES FOR TWOS

20-minute programs designed especially for 2-year-old listeners and their parents. A parent or caregiver must attend. Siblings are welcome.

September 20 – December 14
Mondays at 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

30-minute programs designed especially for children ages 3-5.

September 21 – December 15
Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.



While parents do not attend storytime with preschoolers, we rely on them to be our partners and ask that they remain in the library during programs.



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Drop-in. Registration not required.

BORN TO READ STORYTIME

Lapsit programs of rhymes, stories, songs, and activities designed for children under the age of two.
Second Friday of each month. 10:30 a.m.
September 10 November 12
October 8 December 10

HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Craft activities for children of all ages!
Halloween: Saturday, October 23, 2 – 4 p.m.
Thanksgiving: Saturday, November 20, 2 – 4 p.m.
Christmas: Wednesday, December 22, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.



Visit us at 2315 Memorial Avenue, Lynchburg, Virginia 24501
or call us at (434) 455-6320.
www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary

Shop Online and Help the Library

Online shoppers can help the library while they shop by logging onto www.igive.com. This website links to over 560 online shopping web sites such as Lands' End, Barnes & Noble, and Office Max. By registering and choosing "Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library" you can be assured that a portion of the money you spend will be donated to the group. Visit www.igive.com for more information.



Copies

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Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Library, we have a new money acceptor for one of our two self-service copiers. Copies are still 10 cents; but in addition to accepting nickels, dimes, and quarters, it also accepts one-dollar bills! When you finish making copies, just push the eject button and your change will be returned to you. The new acceptor is apparently user friendly, since staff members have had virtually no questions about how

to operate it. In addition, it should save staff time because there will be less coins to handle.

Library Web Site Has a New Look

The city of Lynchburg has updated its web site. A California design firm has completely revamped the site, giving it a more contemporary look. The library's web site has changed its look, but not its content, to meet the style guidelines set by the new designers. The web address will remain the same—www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary. Check out our new look, and tell us what you think. If you have not yet visited the library's web site, now might be a good time to explore its many pages. Here are some things you will find:

- Access to the Library's Catalog
- Access to a number of databases – thousands of full text articles from magazines, newspapers, and professional journals may be accessed with any Virginia public library card through Find it Virginia.
- Programming information for Children and Adults
- Internet links to websites that are educational, informative, and entertaining
- Much more!

Libraries will be closed

November 11 – Staff Training Day

Both libraries will be closed on Thursday, November 11 so that staff can participate in a customer service training day. No materials will be due on that day.

Register to Vote

Don't miss out! Your vote does count. If you have not yet registered to vote, pick up a Voter Registration Application at the Main Library. These applications allow you to register at any Virginia locality, not just the city of Lynchburg. Pick up an application, fill it out, mail it in, and VOTE! You may also obtain a Voter Registration Application online from the Virginia State Board of Elections at www.sbe.state.va.us/votregserv/reg2vote.htm. The last day to register to vote in the Presidential election is October 4.

FIRST IN A SERIES

Ed. note: In 2006, the Lynchburg Public Library will celebrate its 40th Anniversary. The Friends of the Library is already making plans for a yearlong observance. With this issue of the newsletter, we begin a series of vignettes about the history of the Friends and the library.

Beginning in 1908, public library service in Lynchburg was provided by the privately endowed Jones Memorial Library at 434 Rivermont Avenue. Mrs. George M. Jones donated the handsome building and the collections in memory of her husband; however, the library was legally bound by the wishes of its benefactor to serve only the white citizens of Lynchburg. Citizens of color had no access to a public library until the Lynchburg Public Library opened in 1966.

The establishment of the Lynchburg Public Library was the direct result of the efforts of a dedicated and determined group of citizens who came together in the early 1960's to organize the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library, a 501©3 organization. Their goal was a tax-supported public library open to all citizens equally and funded adequately to meet the needs of a growing community.

The first Board of Directors was a true cross-section of the community: they represented "old" Lynchburg and the "newcomers," hundreds of families who had arrived in waves with Babcock & Wilcox, GE and other new businesses during the economic expansion of the 1950's; the African-American community; the business community; the clergy; and the academic community. The first President was J. Burton Linker, Jr. of GE. The vice president was Elliot Schewel, a businessman. Other members were Mrs. Pauline Weeden, vice-principal, Dunbar High School; Mrs. William Breazeale, librarian, and Dr. Eric Molin, professor, both at R-MWC; Dr. M. L Carper, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Carroll Lippard, physician; businessman, Mr. Donald Shaw; Attorney Edward Graves; civic leaders, Mrs. Romney Watkins and Mrs. Gordon Leggett; and the Rev. Gordon Lund of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

A grassroots campaign was organized. Civic groups, scout troops, churches and others were enlisted to canvass the city, registering members in the Friends for a dollar each. By 1964, the Friends had 5,000 dues paying members. They were ready to ask City Council to establish a public library.